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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 50th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 50 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 53)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off east side East Ruhl Road,

CITY, TOWN

Ruhl

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore / PA: York

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>state boundary marker</b>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A  
 (see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1569 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION** (also see No. 50(53)A)

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (replica)	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1902
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		(first set)

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 50(53) approximately marks Mason and Dixon's 50th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is a replica of the original crownstone of 1766, which was formally given to the Maryland Historical Society in 1902 in exchange for the replica they were required to supply. It is one of 12 monuments marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, all of which are original except for the replica.

The area here is typically rolling farmland, though suburbia has now spread southward from New Freedom, PA to this point. The site is located about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile north of the scattered settlement of Ruhl; about 2 miles southwest of the center of the town of New Freedom; about 2950' north of the junction of Peterman Road; at the south edge of the Ward's mowed side yard (about 140' east of the road) where it meets the cultivated field belonging to the Radebaughs. It can be easily seen from the road all seasons, and is protected by the property owners.

The monument is a rather white, somewhat florid marble from the Beaver Dam Marble / Co., Cockeysville (no longer in existence), locally carved and set on the Line at a higher, more suitable site a short distance east of the original site, by the 1900-03 Resurvey. It stands about 1' above ground; is firmly in place; in excellent condition, with all embellishments clear and intact, except for a few minor nicks along the edges. As with original crownstones, it is an embellished squared stone post with a low pyramidal top, and surrounded below ground by a concrete collar. The north side facing Pennsylvania is embellished with the shield of the Penn coat of arms, framed above and below by vertical fluting, and on each side by horizontally-fluted margins; it measures about 12" wide by about 12" high above ground. The east side measures about 10½" wide by about 13" above ground; with the vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins remaining clear and intact. The south side facing Maryland is embellished by the shield of the Calvert coat of arms, with vertical fluting above and below, and horizontally-fluted margins at both sides; measures about 12" wide by about 13" high above ground. The west side fluting and margins are clear and intact; measures about 10¼" wide by about 12½" high above ground. The top planes and fluting are very distinct, rise about 1" to a centered apex into which a USC&GS triangulation station disk was cemented in 1933. A capital F is inscribed on the north plane; CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY a capital T on the east plane.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE** also see No. 50(53)A

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1902 (crownstone replacement) ~~1765-66~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

Milestone No. 50(53), though a replica crownstone of 1902 and first set at a new nearby site on the Line, is significant as one of the monuments still visibly and accurately defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. It is one of 12 monuments marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, the only non-original amongst them; and the original it replaces is on display in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, to whom it was given in exchange for the replica they provided. Locally, it is of particular interest as having been quarried from the Cockeysville area Beaver Dam Marble Co. (no longer in existence).

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.35178.439798

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY BaltimoreSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY York**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/9/79 & 12/5/79 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS; MILESTONE NO. 50(53)

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NEW FREEDOM QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1958 PHOTO REV. 1974  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

(SEVEN VALLEYS)  
N

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UTM: 18.35178. 439798

UTM: 18.35319. 439795  
NOT FOUND





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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 50 (53)  
SW CORNER (—/CALVERT COAT OF ARMS)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/9/79 (1979. 3.17)





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 50 (53)

NE CORNER (—| PENN COAT OF ARMS)

REPLACEMENT: RELOCATION WITH REPLICA CROWNSTONE (1902) \*

OFF E. EAST RULI RD. RULI RD. VIGNIN

BALTIMORE, MD 11101 00 00 00

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/9/79 (1979.3.21)

\*NOTE: ORIGINAL CROWNSTONE OF 1766 IN MARYLAND  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION, BALTIMORE

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 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 50th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON  
 Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 50(53)A

**2 LOCATION** in Maryland Historical Society museum collection  
 STREET & NUMBER 201 West Monument Street

CITY, TOWN Baltimore N/A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (formerly)  
 VICINITY OF MD: 2 / PA: 19  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY (formerly)  
 MD: Baltimore / PA: York

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME The Maryland Historical Society

Telephone #: 301/685-3750

STREET & NUMBER  
 201 West Monument Street

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE, zip code  
 Maryland 21201

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A

COURTHOUSE  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:  
 Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE before  
☒ MOVED DATE 1902  
(to museum)**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. 50(53)A is an original Mason and Dixon crownstone of 1766, and marked their 50th mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland until "some years before" the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. According to the Resurvey engineer's report (MGS Vol. VII, pp. 73-74):

On account of an earth cut, made in the construction of a road along the line at that point, which left the monument on the slope of a caving bank, the stone fell from its place some years ago and was subsequently removed by a resident of the vicinity, who kept it for a considerable time on his farm and later sent it to Baltimore, where it came into the possession of the Historical Society of Maryland. When the resurvey of the line was taken up and the monument was needed for use thereon, the society offered to furnish an exact facsimile in marble, if allowed to retain the original. As previously stated, this request was approved by the Commissioners, with the proviso that the Historical Society of Pennsylvania should be permitted to make a similar exchange.

The monument is now installed as part of the Darnall colonial exhibit on the third floor of the Society's museum, is in excellent condition, attractively and appropriately displayed, well protected, and is an important addition to the Society's extensive collection of original Mason and Dixon Line maps, Calvert papers, and other related library reference materials. It is the only crownstone from the West Line to be seen in Maryland in its full length and in such good condition. As with all original Mason and Dixon monuments: it is an embellished, squared oolitic limestone post, with a rough-cut base and low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England. It stands 4'2½" from the floor to the apex of the top. On the north side, which originally faced the province of Pennsylvania, the stylized shield of the Penn family and other embellishments are clear and intact, except for two large chips along the northwest edge; it measures 12" wide, as does the south side. The east and west sides both measure about 11" wide; and the fluting and margins are clear. On the south side, which originally faced the province of Maryland, the stylized shield of the Calvert family and other embellishments are clear and intact. The top four planes are well-defined, and with the capital letter F cut into the north plane, T into the east plane; rising about 1¼" to a centered apex. The base measures about 13½" wide by about 11" high on all four sides. The identifying brass plate affixed to the east side by the Society near the top is inscribed: 1763-1766 / BOUNDARY STONE / Mason & Dixon's Line / BETWEEN / Maryland & Pennsylvania / "UNITED YET DIVIDED TWAIN AT ONCE."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY  
(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1766

~~BORDER TOWN~~  
SURVEYORS

Charles Mason &amp; Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

Milestone No. 50(53)A is significant primarily as one of 26 crownstones originally set by Mason and Dixon along their West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. It was set in 1766 and remained in place until removed not long before the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, when it was formally given to the Maryland Historical Society in 1902. For Marylanders this crownstone has become particularly significant, since it is the only complete crownstone from the West Line remaining so well protected, in such excellent condition, <sup>It is</sup> available for public viewing, and serves as a visual link (for those visiting the museum) with their colonial past.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA N/A**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE N/A

COUNTY N/A

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

2/6/80 (monument recorded)

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MS Dec 10

Easton, Maryland,

December 6th, 1926.

Maryland Historical Society,

Baltimore, Maryland;

Dear Sirs;

I have your letter of December 1st relating to the Delaware Boundary matter which we have been considering.

In my examination of 1903 of this line I did not find that any monuments had been moved by any one but a number were broken and some out or practically out of the ground. One was under a railroad embankment and one in a mill pond. In the spring of 1904 Dr. Clark of Maryland Geological Survey wanted two, a "crown stone" and a M & P stone to send to the St. Louis Exposition as part of his exhibit. I got one M & P stone near the south-west corner of Delaware that was not on the line at all. There was a "crownstone" also there but the bottom half was gone so I suggested that a "crown stone" on the line at Maryland that was broken in two parts be taken and repaired and replaced on the line after the Exposition was over. Under his direction I dug up this stone and shipped it to him. Unfortunately Governor Warfield saw these stones there and directed that they be sent to the State House where they are now. I could never get the one returned to the line at Maryland though I wrote both Dr. Clark and the Governor several times regarding the matter. However I took up the matter with the Secretary of State of Delaware and he had an act passed regarding the matter in 1909. In 1910 Senator Dodson of Talbot introduced and passed a similar act which you will find in the Laws of Maryland 1910 Chapter 454, page 404.

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If Governor Ritchie should be interested in this matter he might think this law sufficient authority to take some action.

Along the Maryland-Pennsylvania Boundary, on which I was the principal assistant to Captain Hodgkins of the Coast Survey 1900-1903, we found only two stones moved away from the line. One, a "crown stone" at about fifty miles from the east end, had been found out of the ground by a resident of Baltimore who visited that section and he shipped it to the Maryland Historical Society which is the one you have now. Another one from Blair Valley west of the Cumberland Valley had been shipped to the warehouse of the firm of which the shipper was a member and on looking it up we found it in their cellar. This one was sent to the Pennsylvania Historical Society. I believe they required this be done for their consent that the Maryland Historical Society be allowed to retain the one they had. Both Societies furnished a replica in Beaver Dam marble. The Maryland one was placed in the <sup>new</sup> location <sup>no</sup> [of the original] and the Pennsylvania one was placed in the Cumberland Valley, <sup>[in Ellerslie, as No. 169]</sup> some miles east of the original location. This was also a "crown stone". I believe the Delaware Historical Society has a "crown stone" that was found near the north-east corner of Maryland that had never been placed on the line.

My notes show that the stone the Maryland Historical Society has was number 50, counting the north-east corner of Maryland as zero or initial monument.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Blair;



Ans Dec 10

Easton, Maryland,

December 6th, 1926.

Maryland Historical Society,

Baltimore, Maryland;

Dear Sirs;

I forgot to state in my other letter of to-day that the law you refer to as protecting the boundary markers was introduced by General Joseph B. Seth, Senator from Talbot who was at that time President of the Senate, and will be found in Laws of Maryland 1906, Chapter 782, page 1305. It also provides for the return of stones that have been removed.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Blair.

May 13, 1902.

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5.16.1902

Judge Albert Ritchie,  
President Maryland Historical Society,  
Baltimore, Maryland,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of May 12, 1902, regarding the Mason and Dixon Line monument in the possession of the Maryland Historical Society. I fully agree with you that "it would be appropriate and desirable that one of these very interesting landmarks be retained in the possession of an historical society in this State, of recognized dignity and permanence, where it would be protected from deterioration or damage and where it would, at all times, be an interesting monument of the early history of the State." Your suggestion that the Maryland Historical Society would be glad to furnish in lieu of the stone in its possession a replica of the same is satisfactory and as Commissioner for the State of Maryland I am prepared to accept the replica from the Society in place of the original stone. As the material out of which the original stone, viz., English Portland oolite, cannot be obtained, I would suggest that a monument made either out of local Beaver Dam marble or Port Deposit granite would be satisfactory.

I am,

Very respectfully,

*Wm. Russell Ward*  
Commissioner, etc.

As the Commissioner from Pennsylvania, I concur in the permission to the Maryland Historical Society to retain possession of the original monument stone now in its custody, on the condition of substitution as indicated above.

*James W. Latta*  
Secretary of Internal Affairs.

May 16th, 1902.

William Bullock Clark, Esquire,

Commissioner of the State of Maryland in the

Matter of the re-location of the Mason and Dixon Line,

Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the joint communication of yourself and General Latta, Secretary of Internal Affairs of the State of Pennsylvania, authorizing the retention by The Maryland Historical Society of the Mason and Dixon Line Boundary Stone, now in its possession, upon the substitution by it for replacement in the Line of a replica in such stone as may be satisfactory to the Commissioners. The order for this replica has been given to the Beaver Dam Marble Company which will act under your instructions to proceed immediately with the work.

Permit me to express to yourself and to General Latta the appreciation of The Maryland Historical Society of the courtesy which you have shown to it in this matter, and believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

(signed) Albert Ritchie,

President, Maryland Historical Society.

Telegraph me at:

My Express Office is:

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY,

*Hancock, Md.,**June 30, 1902*

*56*  
*7.1.1902*  
*Sam*

*Mr. Hall Harris, Esquire,*  
*216 St. Paul Street,*  
*Baltimore.*

*Dear Sir:*

*At the request of Dr. William Bullock Clark, Boundary Commissioner, I beg to inform you that my representative at New Freedom, Pa., received the monument prepared by the Maryland Historical Society to take the place of Original No 50 and that he reports the same as satisfactory.*

*Respectfully yours,**W. C. Hodgkins**Engineer in Charge,**Mason & Dixon Line Survey.*

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(COPY)

Baltimore, July 1st, 1902.

W. C. Hodgkins, Esquire,  
U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,  
Hancock, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your favor of 30th ultimo, advising me of the safe arrival of the replica of the Mason and Dixon Boundary Stone No. 50, and am glad to know that the same has been found satisfactory by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

With thanks for the courtesy which you have extended to the Maryland Historical Society in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed) W. Hall Harris.

Supreme Bench  
of  
Baltimore City.

April 23rd. 1902.

Dr. William Bullock Clark,

My Dear Sir,

Mr. W. Hall Harris has shown me your letter to him and Mr. Hodgkins' to you, relating to the boundary stone now in the possession of the <sup>Maryland</sup> ~~W. Hall~~ Historical Society.

I agree perfectly with you and Mr. Hodgkins in thinking that a request should be made by the Society to the Commissioners for leave to retain it on furnishing a replica, rather than that the Commissioners should suggest to the Society its retention.

The matter will require a little conference, at least, among a few of us, but I have no doubt it will be put in proper shape in a few days.

Very Truly &c.

Albert Ritchie

15  
May 18, 1902.56.  
5.18.1902  
Jace

To The Maryland Historical Society,  
Baltimore, Maryland,

Gentlemen:

As the Commissioner for the State of Maryland for the relocation of the Mason and Dixon Boundary Line between that State and the State of Pennsylvania, I have received information that there is in the possession of your Society one of the original stones used in marking said Line, and I beg now to notify you that the same should be surrendered that it may be replaced in its original position.

I am,

Very truly yours,

*Amos P. Clark*  
Commissioner &c.

Baltimore, May 12th, 1902.

William Bullock Clark, Esquire,

Commissioner for the State of Maryland in the

re-establishment of the Mason and Dixon Boundary Line,

Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 10th instant, addressed to The Maryland Historical Society, is acknowledged.

The boundary stone referred to came into the possession of the Society a number of years since, from a gentleman who noticed that it had been displaced and removed from its original position by the grading of a road, and that it was being neglected and in imminent danger of defacement or destruction. While the Society has, of course, no desire in any way to resist a proper application for this marker for the purpose of replacement, it is suggested that inasmuch as it came originally into the possession of the Society because of its displacement and disfigurement and that the same risks must, in some degree at least, attach to its replacement, it would be appropriate and desirable that one of these very interesting landmarks be retained in the possession of an historical society in this State, of recognized dignity and permanence, where it would be protected from deterioration or damage and where it would at all times be an interesting monument of the early history of the State, so that while the boundary line would be permanently and definitely marked as heretofore, this interesting historical monument might remain where, it is submitted, it is eminently appropriate it should be.

If such a suggestion should commend itself to your judgment and



APRIL 19, 1902  
H. 21

W. Hall Harris, Esq.,

216 St. Paul St., Baltimore,

My dear Harris:

I have received the inclosed letter from W. C. Hodgkins in charge of the Mason and Dixon Line Survey and I am inclined to think that he is right in his statement that a letter from you or some other individual, prominent in the Maryland Historical Society, either officially or unofficially should be addressed to the Maryland Commissioner requesting the retention of the stone and stating that you would be willing to make a replica of the same in case the amount involved did not exceed the sum which you have stated. I would then secure the approval of General Laum, the Pennsylvania representative, to the proposition and would gladly sign the same myself which would put the whole thing in complete form and relieve me from embarrassment in case the State of Pennsylvania should later raise a protest if I alone gave the authority. I think I ought to have a letter of formal request on file rather than that I should begin the correspondence by offering the stone to you which would seem very peculiar in case of any investigation of the matter.

I am anxious personally to secure this stone for the Maryland Historical Society and wish to have you look at the matter from my standpoint as Commissioner to see that I am amply protected in the negotiation but as I come to look at it more carefully in the light of Capt. Hodgkins' letter, I am led to believe that I am not, while you doubtless would be in a very safe position, since you could throw the whole thing on me in case the State of Pennsylvania should later raise a protest. I am anxious to do you a service in the matter and will ask you to straighten it out between now and next Thursday when I expect to return from

Charleston. It is evident that something must be done immediately so that Capt. Hodgkins can reset the stone without serious loss of time.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Bullock (Carr)

*Georgetown, Prince George's County, MD.**April 17, 1902*

Dr. William Bullock Clark,  
State Geologist and Boundary Commissioner,  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 15, enclosing one of same date from W. Hall Harris, Esquire, in regard to the Mason and Dixon Line monument now in the possession of the Maryland Historical Society and which formerly marked the end of the fiftieth mile westward from the north east corner of Maryland.

With reference to the proposal contained in Mr. Harris's letter that you and I should request the Society to retain the monument and to furnish us a replica of the same, I would suggest, to use a homely simile, that this seems like "putting the cart before the horse".

Of course I do not claim any personal authority in this matter and am ready to accept any action taken by the Board of Commissioners, but here is a monument taken from the line and in the illegal possession of a number of highly respectable and presumably law-abiding people. I have gathered from conversation with you that under the present laws of Maryland we can recover from individuals monuments so held. That being the case, I should suppose that the same law would apply to a society.

My own view of the matter is that the Society ought to promptly surrender the monument for replacing on the line and in this connection I would call your attention to the circular letter concerning the resurvey which you sent out last summer and in which you allude to the removal of this stone. I see no objection to the Society having a plaster cast or replica in stone made for its own use; but if it is desired that such copy should be accepted by the boundary commission for use on the line, leaving the original in the possession of the Society, with a warrant for holding it, I should think it necessary that the request for such action should emanate from the Society and not from the Commissioners.

As Pennsylvania is equally interested in this matter it would seem that it might be well to consult General Latta, in case such a request should be received.

I would further suggest that, as we are now several miles east of #50 and still working eastward, any prolonged delay is likely to add considerably to the expense of re-setting the monument.

Very respectfully yours,

*W. C. Hodgkins*

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

# REPORT

of

Special Committee on Mason and  
Dixon Boundary Line Stone.

July 1st, 1902.

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Baltimore, July 1st, 1902.

Report of Special Committee on Mason and Dixon Boundary  
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To the President and Council  
of The Maryland Historical Society.

Gentlemen:-

At a Meeting of the Council of The Maryland Historical Society, held on May 9th, 1902, the following action was had : "On the reading<sup>of</sup> Mr. Harris of correspondence with the Government and State Officials engaged in replacing the Mason and Dixon Line Stones, Judge Stockbridge moved that the matter of the restoration of the Mason and Dixon Line Stone No. 50, now in the possession of this Society, for replacement in its original position, be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed by the President x x x x with full power and authority to arrange for and on behalf of this Society the retention of the original Stone now in our possession upon the furnishing of a replica, and if such arrangement cannot be made, then to provide for a replica to be retained by this Society provided that no expense shall be incurred by said Committee to be defrayed by the Society. The President appointed the following Committee: Mr. W. Hall Harris, Judge Henry Stockbridge and Mr. Henry F. Thompson".

The correspondence referred to consists of three

letters, returned herewith,- (1) W. C. Hodgkins to William Bullock Clark, April 17th, 1902; (2) William Bullock Clark to W. Hall Harris, April 19th, 1902; (3) Albert Ritchie to William Bullock Clark (copy) April 23rd, 1902.

Your Committee, after conference with Dr. Clark, received from him a letter of date May 10th, 1902, herewith returned, and upon the twelfth idem the President replied, as per copy also attached. On the sixteenth of the same month Your Committee received a letter addressed to the President of the Society and signed by Dr. Clark, the Commissioner on behalf of the State of Maryland, and General Latta, the Commissioner on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, in the matter of the re-establishment of the Mason and Dixon Boundary Line; this letter is also filed herewith, and to it the President responded on the same date, as shown by copy of his letter also attached.

Your Committee thereafter made a contract with the Beaver Dam Marble Company, under which there has been completed an exact replica in a dark shade of Beaver Dam marble, not unlike the color of the original boundary stone, the markings upon the original stone, as well as the coats of arms, being carefully copied: This replica has been boxed and shipped, according to directions received from Captain Hodgkins of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in charge of the work, to New Freedom, Pennsylvania, and Your Committee has now from Captain Hodgkins an acknowledgment of the receipt of this replica which he states is reported to him as being satisfactory, and has extended to Captain Hodgkins a proper recognition of his courtesy in the matter; this letter and copy of reply are also returned

to you.

Your Committee submits that inasmuch as the attached correspondence evidences the circumstances and authority under which this original monument is retained in the possession of The Maryland Historical Society, it is advisable that this Report and said correspondence be properly preserved among the Archives of the Society in case of future doubt or question, and it would suggest that some note be made upon these papers referring to the proceedings of the Society and the correspondence had with Mr. Burton at the time when this monument was originally placed in the possession of the Society.

The cost of the replica and the expenses incident to its boxing and shipping have been fully discharged and the Society has incurred no responsibility in the premises.

It will be interesting to the Council to be advised that the example set by this Society has apparently been followed by the Historical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, inasmuch as that body has ordered from the Beaver Dam Marble Company a duplicate replica of the original Boundary Stone No. 50, but whether that Society has arranged to exchange such replica for one of the original stones or purposes merely to preserve in its collection the replica itself, Your Committee is not advised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

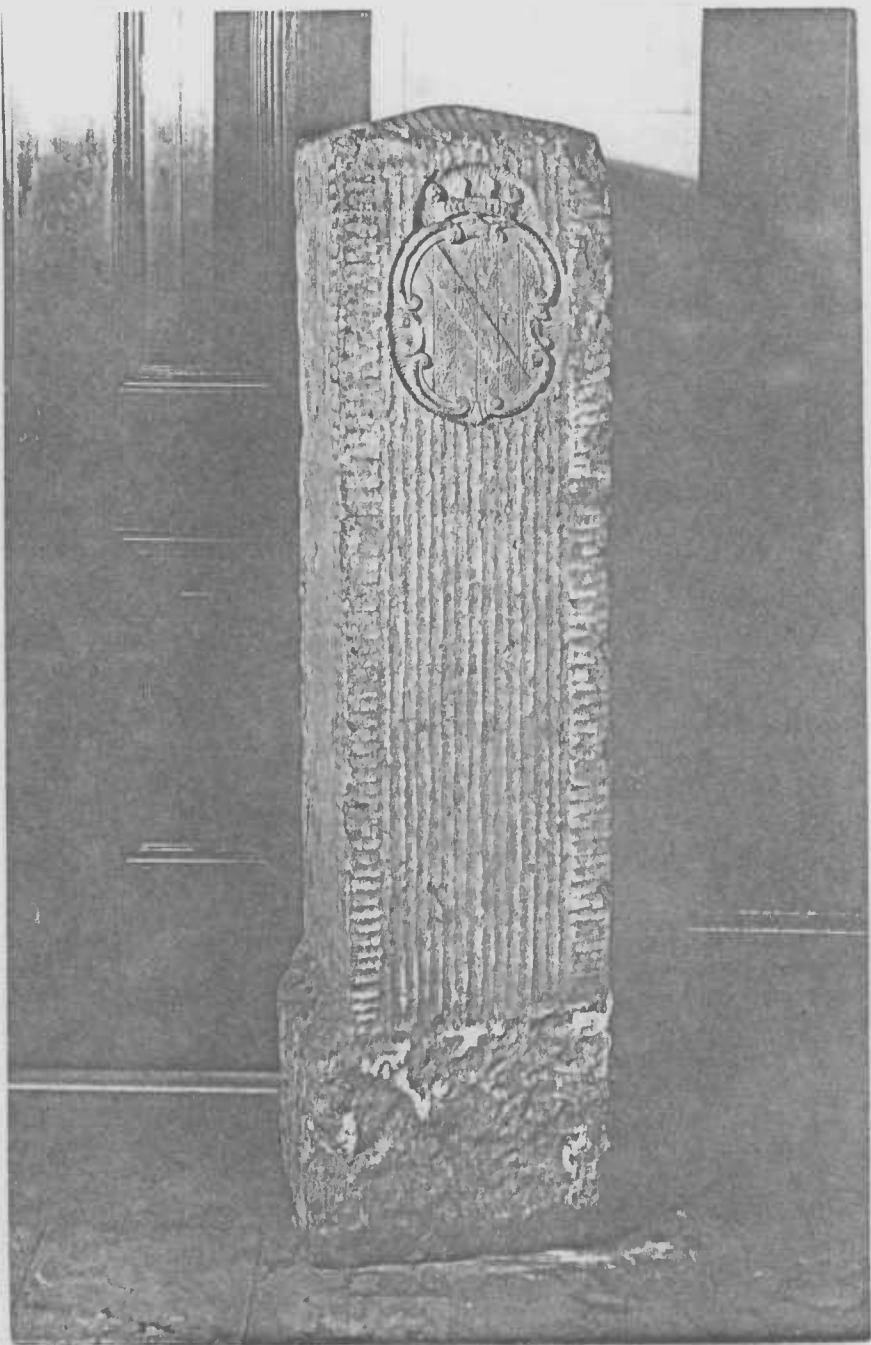
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*Henry Stoddard*  
Special Committee.

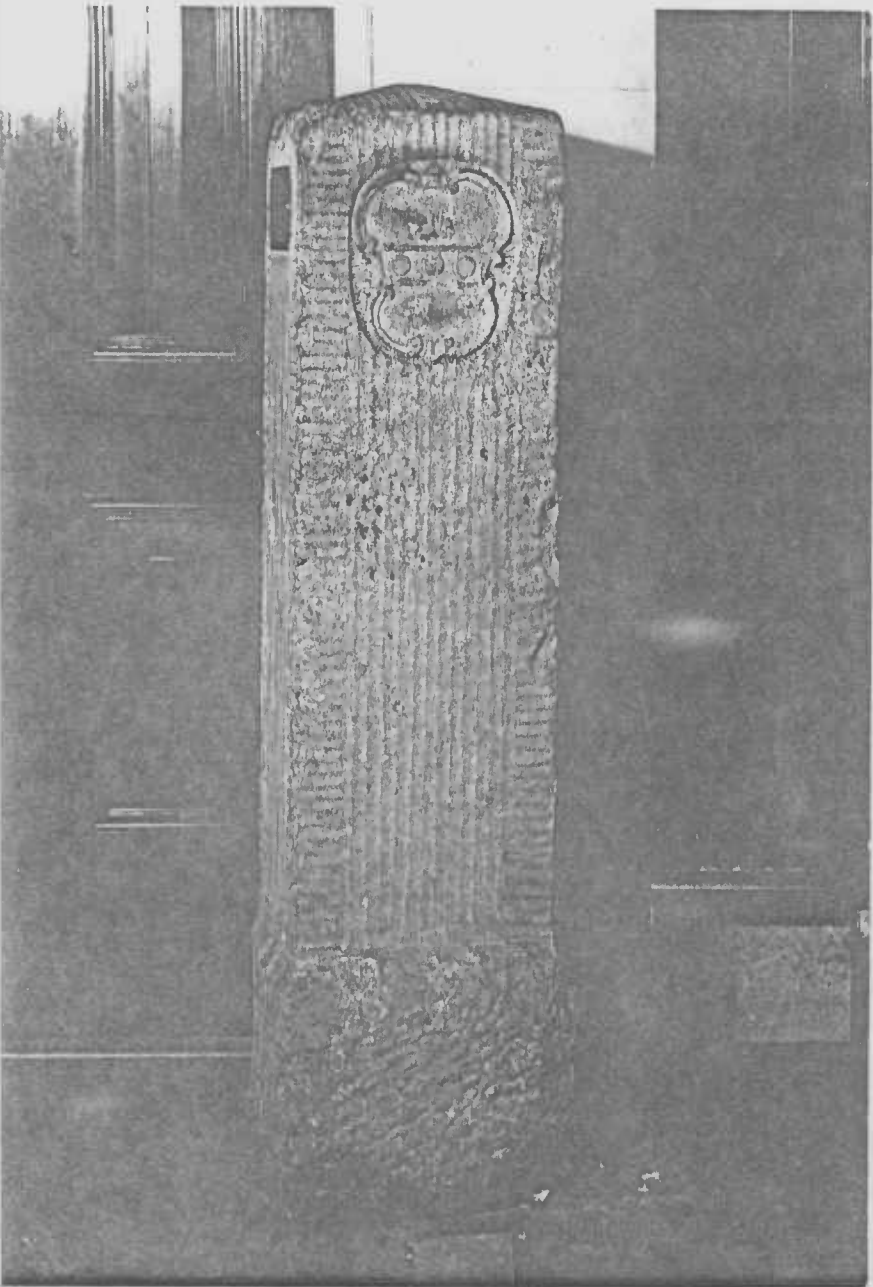
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